

HB 1229 -- BRAIN INJURY FUND

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This bill specifies that in all criminal cases including violations of any county ordinance or any violation of criminal or traffic laws of this state, including an infraction, there must be assessed as costs a surcharge of \$2. The surcharge must not be waived, except the surcharge will not be collected in a proceeding involving a violation of an ordinance or state law when the proceeding or defendant has been dismissed by the court or when costs are to be paid by the state, county, or municipality. The proceeds from the surcharge will be paid to the state treasury to the credit of the Brain Injury Fund.

The bill specifies that the fund must be used for the transition, integration, and provision of community-based services in comprehensive brain injury day rehabilitation therapy programs, home and community supports, and social and educational activities for the purposes of outreach and support to enable individuals with brain injury and their families to live in the community.